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These newspapers, literature and press releases issued by the NCSJRC, 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, reflect that subject has been travelling throughout the country appearing at meetings and rallies sponsored by the NCSJRC. On June 18, and June 19, 1953, the "Daily Worker" reported that she had been in Washington, D. C., and participated in the rallies sponsored by the NCSJRC to secure a new trial from the Supreme Court or to secure clemency from the President of the United States for the ROSENBERGS.

The "Daily Worker" for August 14, 1953, on page 2, column 5, contains an announcement that subject would give a report of her recent visit with her imprisoned husband, MORTON SOBELL, when she speaks at the Bronx ROSENBERG meeting at Hunts Point Palace, 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard, on Wednesday, August 19. Article stated subject had just returned from a nationwide speaking tour and a visit with her husband in Alcatraz on a 30 year sentence as a result of his conviction in the ROSENBERG case. The meeting, which takes place exactly two months after the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, is being sponsored by the Bronx ROSENBERG Committee.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that subject was a guest speaker of a meeting of the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case which was held on June 9, 1953, at 5522-Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Informant advised that she spoke in behalf of her husband and the ROSENBERGS and related the story of the ROSENBERG trial in which her husband was involved.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case has been controlled by the Communist Party and Communist Party sympathizers in St. Louis, Missouri.

MAX ELITCHER, who testified for the government in the case against the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL, has advised that MORTON SOBELL, and he so testified, had been a member of the Communist Party when ELITCHER and SOBELL were employed in the Navy Department in Washington, D. C., from 1939 to 1940.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the County Clerk's Office, Queens County, Registrar of Deeds, 161-04 Jamaica Avenue, New York, reflect that

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on November 29, 1950, there was recorded in liber 606A serial 32852, a deed executed by MORTON and HELEN SOBELL as grantors conveying to EDITH LEVITOV as grantee, premises owned by the SOBELLs at 164-17 73rd Avenue, Flushing, New York City. On December 4, 1950, said premises were conveyed by EDITH S. LEVITOV to ANTHONY M. LASALA and FRANCES R. LASALA.

VIII. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from records of the Reeves Instrument Company, the General Electric Company, and personal observation by the writer:

Name and aliases

^{SUMMARY}
HELEN SOBELL, was: Mrs. Helen Sobell, Mrs. Morton Sobell, Helen Levitov, Helen Levitov Gurewitz, Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz, Mrs. Casey Gurewitz
March 3, 1918

Date of birth

Place of birth

Washington, D. C.

Height

5' 3" to 5' 4"

Weight

125 lbs. to 130 lbs.

Build

Stocky

Hair

Dark brown and disheveled, sloppy

Characteristics

Excellent teeth and laboring walk

Education

BS Degree 1939 from Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C., graduate work 1946 to 1947 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1948 - 1950 graduate work in physics Columbia University, New York City
February 21, 1938, married CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ at Washington, D. C. March 5, 1945, divorced CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ at Arlington, Virginia.

Marital status

March 10, 1945, married MORTON SOBELL, Arlington, Virginia

Parents

MAX and ROSE LEVITOV, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia

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Brother
Sister

DAVID LEVITOV
EDITH LEVITOV
Both of 2135 Lee Highway
Arlington, Virginia

Children

SYDNEY GUREWITZ, born October
21, 1939, of her marriage to
CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ
MARK SOBELL, born of her marriage
to MORTON SOBELL.

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will complete review of files of New York Office, and report all information therein concerning the subject.

Will follow activities of National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case and report subject's participation therein.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/25/53

LYB FROM : SAC, New York (100-109849)

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SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL, was: Mrs. Helen Sobell, Mrs. Morton Sobell, Helen Levitov, Helen Levitov Gurewitz, Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz, Mrs. Casey Gurewitz
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There is forwarded herewith five copies of the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON in captioned matter together with FD 122 recommending that an SI Card be prepared for the above captioned subject.

It is noted that two addresses are submitted as subject's residence. It is also noted that subject, in connection with NCSJRC, has been constantly travelling in the past. When the next report is submitted on this subject, an attempt will be made to determine what address she is using for her permanent address.

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Director, FBI

11/25/53

LVD FROM

SAC, N.Y. (100-109849)

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SUBJECT

HELEN SOBELL, was.

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Reference is made to the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON 8/25/53 in captioned matter.

A review of the files of the NYO reflects no further information of pertinent interest in this case. This file reflects a continuous activity by the subject in the affairs of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

On 7/21/53 [redacted] advised that HELEN SOBELL attended a meeting of the Rosenberg Committee that was held at the Park Manor, 607 Southwestern Avenue, Los Angeles.

[redacted] reflected that she was still living at 500 W. 135 St. and was still employed by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, located at 1050 Sixth Ave., NYC.

It is noted that there was formed on 10/11/53 the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. It is believed that this committee will be the successor to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. This committee has its office at 1050 Sixth Avenue in the same space occupied by the Rosenberg Committee. Until such time as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case is terminated and until such time as the documentary evidence is secured showing that HELEN SOBELL is now working for the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, her employment will be considered to be the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

The activities of the subject in connection with the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee case will be reported in those cases.

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In view of the foregoing this case is being placed in a reactive status and reports outlining the activities of subject in connection with the Rosenberg Committees will be periodically submitted.

JAH:JDF

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/14/54

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37058)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL, was.
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G.I.R.-67

Re New York letter to San Francisco dated 4/27/54.

[redacted] at Alcatraz Penitentiary, on May 6, 1954, advised SA E. RAY MILLER that the subject's current address, according to prison records, is still 506 W 135th Street, New York City, New York. b7D

[redacted] advised that in the event any change were made in this address, the San Francisco Office would immediately be advised. RUC b7D

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cc: New York (100-109849)

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HELEN SOBELL

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exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/3/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/24-26/54	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. HARRINGTON AM
TITLE HELEN SOBELL, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

G. L. P. 3/10/54

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

yes NB
Subject continues to reside at 506 West 135th Street, care of Mrs. BERTHA BENDER. She continues her employment with the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which is now known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. She has traveled throughout the country on behalf of the Committee making speeches on behalf of her husband. She was a speaker at the May Day Rally in New York City sponsored by the United May Day Committee. Her attendance at various meetings set forth.

Classified by **4842**
Exempt from GDS Category **V**
Date of Declassification **Indefinite**

REC'D
DATE FORW. **8-6-54**
HOW FORW. **R/S**
BY **RPM**

DETAILS:

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on November 23, 1953 that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL registered with the New York Board of Elections in the 15th Election District, 13th Assembly District, New York City. She gave her address as care of BENDER, 506 West 135th Street, and listed her employment as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

DATE FORW. **6-11-54**
HOW FORW. **R/S**
BY **RPM**

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REC'D
DATE FORW. **8-11-54**
REP'T FORW. **8-29-54**
BY **awp-arc**

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The New York Telephone Directory has a listing for a Mrs. ~~BERIHA~~ BENDER, Audubon 1-4628, address 506 West 135th Street, New York City. U

INFORMATION CONCERNING NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was: National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case U

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of 30 years. U

[redacted] both of known reliability, advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952. The claim of this Committee was that the ROSENBERGS were convicted because they were Jews and because of their political beliefs. The aim of this Committee was to secure a new trial or clemency for the ROSENBERGS. The ROSENBERGS were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. U b7D

On October 13, 1953 [redacted] of known reliability, advised that a National Conference of the Committee was held in Chicago on October 10 and 11, 1953 and that the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed on October 11, 1953. U b7D

[redacted] both of known reliability, advised in December, 1953 that the Committee, during December, 1953, took the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. U b7D

[redacted] b7D

On May 7, 1954 [redacted] of known reliability, advised U b7D

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that the purposes of the Committee were to raise money for SOBELL to obtain a re-trial and to have him removed from Alcatraz to some other penitentiary. U

ACTIVITIES OF HELEN SOBELL

[redacted] advised that HELEN SOBELL addressed a meeting sponsored by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) which was held on June 16, 1953 at the Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised on August 5, 1953 that a Memorial Meeting was held on July 23, 1953 in the City Terrace Cultural Center, 3875 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles. This meeting was sponsored by the City Terrace Club of the Independent Progressive Party and was a memorial meeting for JACOB SOLOMON, deceased. N.Y. U b7D

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The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

[redacted] advised on August 18, 1953 that he had attended an Eastern Seaboard Conference of the NCSJRC which had been held on Sunday, August 16, 1953 at the Hotel Ansonia, 75th Street and Broadway, New York. Informant stated that the meeting had been called for 10:00 am. It was very slow in coming to order. About 125 people were in attendance at this meeting. U

[redacted] Chairman of the [redacted] of the National Committee, and [redacted] of the "National Guardian" were also speakers at this affair. Informant advised that many resolutions and amendments were submitted to this meeting outlining how to carry on the case of MORTON SOBELL and the fund raising for that purpose. It was undecided as to whether the NCSJRC should continue to use the name of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case or to adopt the name of MORTON SOBELL for the Committee. U

Another plan which was offered was whether the Committee should continue to use the ROSENBERG children to gain sympathy or whether they should drop the ROSENBERG children and use the SOBELL children. Informant advised that HELEN SOBELL addressed this meeting making a plea for her husband. U

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously STALINIST in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.) U

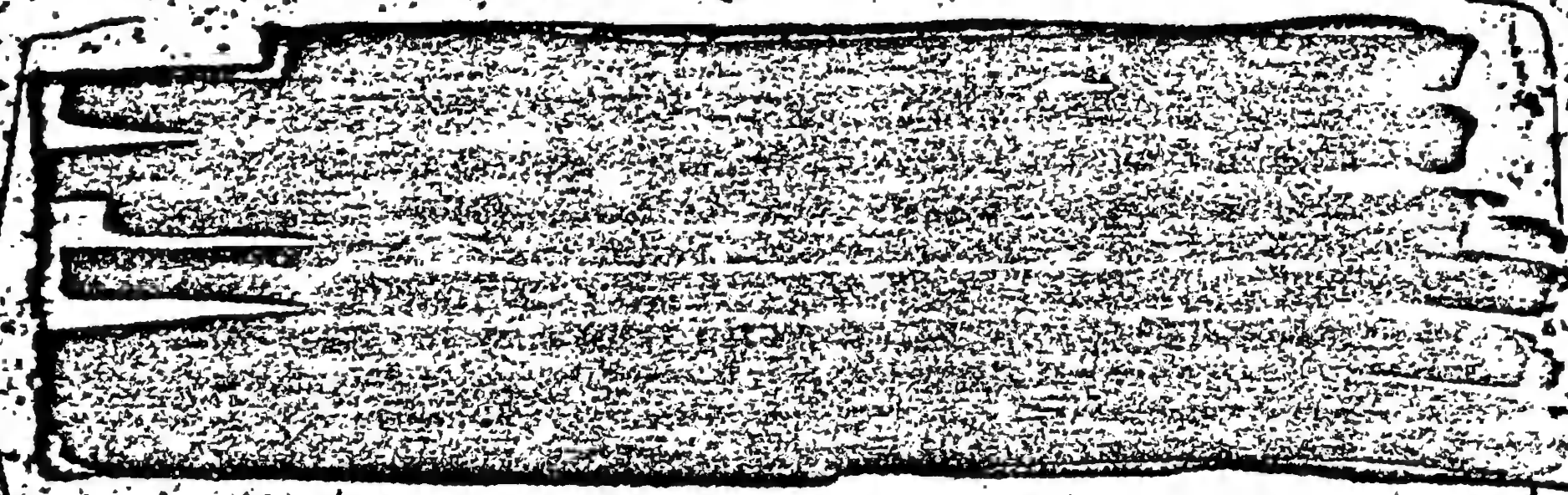
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On September 21, 1953 [redacted] advised that he had attended a rally sponsored by the NCSJRC held on September 16, 1953 at Randall's Island, New York City. Informant advised that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL made a speech on behalf of her husband that lasted about a half hour. She read her speech from a prepared text. She struck the human note repeatedly as she read excerpts of letters which MORTON SOBELL had written to his wife from his cell at Alcatraz. b7D

The excerpts consisted of firm and repeated declarations of his innocence, inquiries about the well being and health of his children, his wife and his parents and expressions of gratitude to the NCSJRC for their efforts to free him from a cruel and unjust sentence. U

HELEN SOBELL made the special point in her address that not only was her husband innocent but that he was entitled by common humanity to request the authorities to transfer him from the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz to a place of detention on the Eastern Seaboard. If this was done, SOBELL would be able to see his children at reasonable intervals and to consult with his New York Attorneys in preparation for an appeal from his 30 year sentence and for a new trial. U

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on October 9, 1953 that he had attended the meeting of the NCSJRC held at Randall's Island on September 16, 1953. This informant advised that there were about 3,000 people present at this meeting and that Mrs. SOBELL addressed the meeting. She spoke on behalf of her husband and asked the audience to buy the book, "Never Lose Faith" by the ROSENBERGS, which was selling for fifty cents a copy. b7D



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[REDACTED] advised that a conference was held on October 10, 1953 at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This conference was sponsored by the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.
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Informants advised that on October 10 and 11, 1953 the NCSJRC had called a National Conference on the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case and that the Rosenberg Dedication Meeting at which HELEN SOBELL spoke was held at 8:30 pm on October 10, 1953. U
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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that HELEN SOBELL had been scheduled to address a meeting on January 13, 1954 to be held at the home of [redacted] b7D

Later this informant advised that this meeting was called off because of bad weather. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that this meeting, which was to be held on January 4, 1954, was called off because of bad weather and that Mrs. SOBELL had been scheduled as a speaker. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that HELEN SOBELL visited her husband at Alcatraz on December 29 and 31, 1953 and January 4 and 5, 1954. b7D

The "San Francisco News," a daily newspaper, in its issue of January 6, 1954 contained the announcement that HELEN SOBELL met members of the press in the offices of her husband's attorney BENJAMIN DREYFUS, 57 Post Street, San Francisco. She stated that her mission was to get the Supreme Court to set aside the verdict against her husband and that she had the

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backing and support of two Nobel prize winners, namely, Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, who helped to develop the Atomic Bomb, and Dr. LINUS C. PAULING of Cal. Tech. She stated that she is interested in having people know that justice is possible, although the Supreme Court is not susceptible to pressure. She stated that three Supreme Court Justices, BLACK, DOUGLAS, and FRANKFURTER have an inclination in the direction of a re-trial and only a fourth justice was necessary to get a re-trial.

The "Peoples Daily World", a West Coast Communist newspaper in its issue of January 11, 1954 contained an article in which Mrs. SOBELL is quoted as stating that her husband has taken strength from the growing number of Americans who have supported the fight for his vindication.

The article relates that Mrs. SOBELL stated that her husband feels very strongly that the question of Alcatraz is an example of what has happened to him; that her husband charges that he has been placed in the toughest of all Federal Prisons because he refuses to talk.

She added that he was not complaining about this treatment in Alcatraz but merely about the political fact of his presence there.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions conducted a panel at Steinway Hall, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, on January 30, 1954. This panel was held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and was entitled "Human Welfare versus McCarthyism." HELEN SOBELL spoke at this meeting on behalf of her husband.

[redacted]

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, US House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions: U

"1. Cited as a Communist front. U

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26 and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2) U

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on April 19, 1954 that the Civil Rights Congress had an eighth anniversary dinner on April 9, 1954 at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. b7D

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

HELEN SOBELL addressed this dinner, at which about three hundred were in attendance. She spoke about her husband and stated that he was not put to death as were the ROSENBERGS, but the FBI retrieved for him a living death in Alcatraz. She asked for continuation of this fight to obtain his freedom. She mentioned that she was going to visit him shortly and would tell him that he is not the forgotten man and that you will fight for his freedom because you think he is innocent. U

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Washington Heights Branch of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee had scheduled a party to be held at 593 Riverside Drive, apartment 5-D, New York City, but because of the illness in the family occupying this apartment, the party was changed to the 13th Assembly District Quarters of the American Labor Party, 3410 Broadway, New York City. About thirty people were present. b7D U

Mrs. SOBELL addressed this party, speaking in a very low soft spoken voice. She stated that she and her husband felt as though they had been given a special privilege during her last visit to Alcatraz because they were placed three seats away from a guard whereas previously they had been seated right next to him. She stated they could not touch one another because they were separated by a small rectangular window. She stated they picked up their telephones and tried to say all the things which were important only to two married people. She advised that one of the things which her husband asked her was "what did the Committee do (for his benefit) besides committeeing?" She said that her husband has earned about \$100. for his year's work at Alcatraz which he contributed to the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. She stated she was only permitted to visit him twice during her last visit whereas on previous visits she had seen him three or four times. She stated this depressed her husband and herself very much. U

Mrs. SOBELL stated that after her visits to her husband, she visited the warden and asked him about having MORTON transferred from Alcatraz, which was only for the most hardened criminals. The warden told her that he had no jurisdiction over such matters, that SOBELL was assigned there by the Director of Federal Prisons.

Mrs. SOBELL stated that her husband's only crime is that he will not confess to a crime for which he has already been tried and convicted. She stated that it was not the physical torture which break men in Alcatraz, but a mental torture of a rigid routine which drives the inmates out of their minds. She stated that it was imperative to get her husband out of Alcatraz now.

Mrs. SOBELL stated that people cannot forget the sacrifices of the ROSENBERGS, and her husband is a living reminder of what must be done in memory of those two who went to their deaths. She then asked for contributions to the Committee, and about \$80. was collected.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

American Labor Party

1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 78.)

2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Pages 40 and 41.)

INFORMATION CONCERNING HELEN SOBELL AS
REPORTED IN THE "DAILY WORKER" U

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper. U

The August 14, 1953 edition of the "Daily Worker" on page two, column five, contains an announcement that subject would give a report of her recent visit with her husband, MORTON SOBELL, when she speaks at the Bronx Rosenberg meeting at Huntspoint Palace, 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard, Bronx, on Wednesday, August 13th. The article continued by stating that the subject had returned from a nation-wide speaking tour and visit with her husband. The meeting is two months since the execution of the ROSENBERGS and is sponsored by the Bronx Rosenberg Committee. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 6, 1954, on page eight, column two under a Detroit, January 5th dateline, contains an announcement of a meeting to be held on Friday, January 8, 1954 at 8:30 p.m. at 3119 Fenkell, near Wildemere, Detroit, Michigan. HELEN SOBELL was scheduled to report on her holiday visit in Alcatraz with her husband. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 22, 1954, page eight, column two, contains an announcement of a brunch to be held on Sunday, January 24, 1954 at 11:30 p.m. at the Hotel Manhattan Towers, Broadway and 76th Street. The "Daily Worker" announced that HELEN SOBELL would give a report on SOBELL'S life at Alcatraz and will describe his thoughts in connection with the nationwide campaign in his behalf. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 2, 1954, on page eight, column one, contains a picture of the subject with the following notation: Mrs. HELEN SOBELL will greet the Civil Rights Congress 8th Anniversary Dinner Friday, April 9, 7 p.m. Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street. U

The "Daily Worker" of April 9, 1954, on page eight, column one, contains a further announcement of the Civil Rights Congress Dinner which will honor WILLIAM L. PATTERSON. HELEN SOBELL was listed as one of the persons who will honor PATTERSON. U

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The "Daily Worker" of April 9, 1954, page three, column two, contains a further announcement of the Anniversary Dinner of the Civil Rights Congress with the additional announcement that HARRY SACHS will be one of the speakers as will be Mrs. HELEN SOBELL. U

The "Daily Worker" of April 30, 1954, on page one, columns one and two, contains an announcement that the May Day rally will be held on May 1st at Union Square, New York. Mrs. HELEN SOBELL is listed as one of the persons who will address this rally. U

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of May 3, 1954, page one, columns two, three, four, and five, contains an article by ABNER W. BERRY entitled "Union Sq. Resounds with Call for A-Ban" which details the activities of the meeting held from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 1st at Union Square. This meeting was sponsored by the United May Day Committee, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The above article announced that HELEN SOBELL was one of the speakers at this meeting and that she stated that her husband was fighting to be moved from Alcatraz, "the American Devil's Island", but that "he will not buy his transfer by bearing false witness, for he cannot be dishonorable, he cannot reject the truth." The article continues that as Mrs. SOBELL spoke, placards were held aloft reading: "Free MORTON SOBELL, Vindicate the ROSENBERGS, Protect Their Children." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 30, 1954 on page four, column three, contains an announcement that subject has returned from her Easter visit with her husband and will report on her visit at a Mother's Day reception and a luncheon to be given by the Queens Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. She was listed as a guest together with Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL. U

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On May 6, 1954, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the subject's current address was 506 West 135th Street, New York City.

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Will follow and report subject's activities and participation in the affairs of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, 8/25/53, NY.
NY letter dated 11/25/53.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/2

FROM :

SAC, WFO (100-3074)

SUBJECT:

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka
SM - Sobell, Helen

There was received from [redacted] on November 22, 1954, by SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, Jr., a mimeographed copy of what purports to be a letter from Mrs. MORTON SOBELL to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER. Copies of this letter reportedly were made available at what the informant described as "the Sobell Committee's fund-raising Mexican dinner" at 3431 10th Place, S.E., Washington, D.C., on the evening of November 20, 1954. Informant estimated attendance as about 65 persons, including HELEN SOBELL.

The above-mentioned copy of this letter will be maintained in WFO File 134-21-1B2-63. Its contents are set forth as follows:

"C O P Y :

"Mrs. Morton Sobell, 506 West 135th Street, New York 31, N.Y.

"November 1, 1954

"Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D.C.

"Dear Mr. HOOVER,

"I have just returned from seeing my husband, MORTON SOBELL, in Alcatraz. The difficulties of a 3000 mile trip, the problems involved in a resettlement of my children's lives, even the forbidding experience of entering Alcatraz itself are no longer new to me. I am greatly concerned at this time with what your agents have been trying to do to my husband.

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"You must know that from the time that my husband, I, and my children were brutally and illegally kidnapped in August of 1950 by your agents, my husband has been constantly pressured to confess to a crime which he has not committed. All of the various types of pressures which were used culminated in the choice of Alcatraz as the place of imprisonment for my husband, and in his being sent there on Thanksgiving Day of 1952. There is nothing in my husband's history, in prison or out, which could justify a decision to send him to Alcatraz. He does not belong in any prison; he certainly does not belong in Alcatraz.

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"On August 27th my husband was maneuvered into meeting with an F.B.I. agent who said he wanted to return to my husband some of our belongings which were taken from us at the time of the kidnapping in Mexico. He returned our daughter's return trip ticket from Mexico and our customs receipts that meant we would not have to pay duty on cameras etc. upon our return.

"Obviously this could have been done with greater propriety, less expense, and more consideration through our attorneys. But the reason for this visit became all too obvious when your agent tried to persuade my husband that the people who believe in his innocence and who are working toward securing some measure of justice for him are not concerned with his welfare.

"The second visit by your agent was free of all pretense. Starting with expressions of friendship and interest in my husband's welfare, your

"agent told my husband: 'You cannot hurt the ROSENBERGS now, nor can you help them. Why don't you start thinking about your own future.'"

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"To have suffered some fifty months of prison, to face the living death of 30 years in Alcatraz, to have been convicted in a conspiracy trial where no witness ever testified that my husband had ever given or received any secret material, this is injustice compounded. Do not add to this by further visits from your F.B.I. agents.

"Very truly yours,

"Mrs. MORTON SOBELL"

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE APR 11 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/21, 22, 24, 25/55	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD A. MINIHAN
TITLE HELEN SOBELL, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
AGENCY <i>100-404849</i> REQ. REC'D <i>8-78-68</i> REP'T FORW. <i>8-29-68</i> EX <i>WLP</i>			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to reside at 506 West 135th Street, New York City, in care of Mrs. BERTHA BENDER.

Letter received at Jol, Washington, D.C., dated 11/1/54 and signed "Mrs. MORTON SOBELL" stated that she and her husband had been brutally and illegally kidnaped in August 1950. The letter complained about three visits of an FBI agent to Alcatraz to talk to her husband, and requested no further visits. Above letter published in "Daily Worker" dated 11/15/54.

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DATE FORW.
HOW FORW.
BY

DETAILS: [redacted] who is in a position to know the residence of HELEN SOBELL in New York City, advised on March 22, 1955, that HELEN SOBELL continues to reside and receive mail at 506 West 135th Street, New York, New York, in care of Mrs. BERTHA BENDER.

SUBSCRIBED TO THE "WORKER" - 1953-1954
SUBSCRIBED TO "NEW WORLD REVIEW" - 1952

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 100-404849-31
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The following letter dated November 1, 1954 and signed
"Mrs. MORTON SOBELL" was received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.:

"Mrs. Morton Sobell 506 West 135th Street

New York 31, N. Y.

November 1, 1954

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just returned from seeing my husband, Morton Sobell, in Alcatraz. The difficulties of a 3000 mile trip, the problems involved in a resettlement of my children's lives, even the forbidding experience of entering Alcatraz itself are no longer new to me. I am greatly concerned at this time with what your agents have been trying to do to my husband.

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"Very truly yours,

/s/ Mrs. Morton Sobell

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The "Daily Worker" dated November 15, 1954 carried an article on page 8 captioned "Sobell Defies Threat by FBI; Refuses to Lie". In this article it was stated that the wife of imprisoned scientist MORTON SOBELL disclosed yesterday that FBI agents had visited SOBELL in Alcatraz and implied that he would receive leniency if he would say he is guilty and that ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were guilty. The article continued that Mrs. SOBELL stated she had written a demand to J. EDGAR HOOVER that FBI agents stop harassing her husband. A copy of the aforementioned letter signed "Mrs. Morton Sobell" was set forth under the caption "Mrs. Sobell's Letter of Protest to the FBI".

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union on March 29, 1951 in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and on April 5, 1951 JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years imprisonment. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953 and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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LEADNEW YORK OFFICEAt New York, New York

Will follow and report subject's activities and affairs with the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, 6/3/54, New York.

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 27 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/24, 27; 9/1, 16, 20, 30; 10/7, 11, 15; 12/20/54; 2/16; 3/8, 15, 24; 4/27, 28; 5/6, 9-11/55	REPORT MADE BY MACLIN F. MORRISON
TITLE HELEN SOBELL, wa. Mrs. Morton Sobell			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HELEN SOBELL attended meetings of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case in 1953, Los Angeles. In 1954 she attended public meetings of the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee (LAR-SC) and Steering Committee meetings of this organization. She attended a meeting of the CRC in 1954 and meetings of the Independent Progressive Party in 1953 and 1954.

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DETAILS:

All information hereinafter referred to by [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

Reference made to article contained in the "Daily People's World" (DPW) (infra) appeared in the Los Angeles editions of the DPW.

DATE FORN. **6-10-55**
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CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

[REDACTED]

HELEN SOBELL was in attendance at a fund raising affair for the benefit of the DPW (infra) on September 5, 1954 at 3032 Military Avenue, Los Angeles, California, as sponsored by Club Number 5, Sawtelle Section, LACCP. b7D

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD" (DPW)

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Special Committee on
Un-American Activities,
Report, March 29, 1944,
Page 95

The DPW is "the official organ of the CP on
the West Coast."

ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC)

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney
General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order
Number 10450.

[REDACTED] whose last reported
address was on the East Coast, who
furnished reliable information in
the past. [REDACTED]

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HELEN SOBELL attended an enlarged CRC Council
meeting on August 28, 1954 at the CRC Office, 326 West
Third Street, Los Angeles, at which meeting the Communist
Control Act was discussed. SOBELL spoke regarding the
transfer of her husband, MORTON SOBELL, from Alcatraz
Prison.

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL (LACSJMS)

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Informant advised in March, 1955 that the
LACSJMS, which was formerly known as the Los Angeles
Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (LACSJRC),
and which was sometimes referred to as the Los Angeles

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Rosenberg-Sobell Committee (LAR-SC), adopted its present name (LACSJMS) about August, 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz Prison and to secure a new trial and eventually secure his complete release.

Both the LACSJRC and the LACSJMS were, from their inception, dominated and controlled by the LACCP through the assignment of CP members to work on the Committees and to direct the activities of the Committees. In March, 1955 critical discussion by CP members was that the LACSJMS should be reactivated and revitalized in a more aggressive way than it was in the past, and that its activities should be expanded in terms of securing maximum mobilization of forces to insure attainment of its objectives. There is an active youth committee known as the Youth Committee for Morton Sobell (YCMS) or slight variations thereof which is sponsored by the Parent Committee and staffed and supported by forces from the Labor Youth League (LYL) which is also working on the SOBELL issue.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order Number 10450.

The following informants advised that HELEN SOBELL attended the below listed meetings of the LACSJRC or the LAR-SC on the dates and at the addresses indicated:

All addresses are in Los Angeles, California unless otherwise indicated and an asterisk indicates the meetings at which HELEN SOBELL was a speaker.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Informant's Comments</u>
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January 5, 1953	Vicinity of Los Angeles City Hall (First and Spring Streets)	LACSJRC picket line.
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January 5, 1953	2200 West Seventh Street	LACSJRC*

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Informant's Comments</u>
July 16, 1953	607 South Western Avenue	LACSJRC#
[REDACTED] b7D		
January 16, 1953	6075 West Pico Boulevard	LACSJRC#
[REDACTED] b7D		
January 6, 1953	"	LACSJRC#
[REDACTED] b7D		
January 6, 1953	"	"
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January 6, 1953	"	"
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January 6, 1953	"	"
[REDACTED] b7D		
June 29, 1953	607 South Western Avenue	"
[REDACTED] b7D		
July 16, 1953	Park Manor (607 South Western Avenue)	"

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Informant's Comments</u>
[REDACTED] b7D		
July 16, 1953	607 South Western Avenue	LACSJHCs
[REDACTED] b7D		
July 16, 1953	Park Manor (607 South Western Avenue)	"
July 24, 1953	441 1/2 North Stanley Avenue	Steering Committee meeting
December 26, 1953	8729 Holloway Drive, Beverly Hills, California	Reception
January 3, 1954	142 Vendome Street	LACSJRC
[REDACTED] b7D		
July 16, 1953	607 South Western Avenue	LACSJRCs
January 3, 1954	142 North Vendome Street	Socials
April 16, 1954	3704 Prestwick Drive	LAR-SC Reception for HELES SOBELL
August 17, 1954	1079 1/2 South Orange Grove	Steering Committee LAR-SC
September 14, 1954	355 South Broadway	"
September 16, 1954	607 South Western	LAR-SCs
September 21, 1954	1079 1/2 South Orange Grove	LAR-SC Steering Committee, HELEN SOBELL in charge.

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HELEN SOBELL attended a Rosenberg-Sobell Conference on September 24, 1954 at 1006 West Cambridge Avenue, Fresno, California.

[REDACTED] advised that during the month of August, 1954, the following social meetings were sponsored by the LAR-SC in regard to HELEN SOBELL's visit in Los Angeles: b7D

August 21, 1954

Dinner, 1251 South St.
Andrews Place [REDACTED] b7D

August 22, 1954

Independent Progressive
Party (IPP) (informal meeting)
[REDACTED] b7D

August 27, 1954

Dinner, Van Nuys, California.
[REDACTED] b7D

August 28, 1954

LAR-SC Youth Group meeting,
3555 Country Club Drive

August 29, 1954

Social affair, 3601 Woolwine
Drive [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that during September, 1954 the following meetings were sponsored by the LAR-SC regarding HELEN SOBELL's visit to the Los Angeles area: b7D

September 12, 1954

Concert, 3335 Country Club
Drive [REDACTED] b7D

September 16, 1954

Reception for HELEN SOBELL,
607 South Western Avenue;
[REDACTED] b7D

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September 17, 1954	Reception for HELEN SOBELL in Rosemead, California;	b7D
September 18, 1954	Youth Conference and Dance, 1251 South St. Andrews Place;	b7D
September 18, 1954	Reception for HELEN SOBELL, Ontario, California;	b7D
September 19, 1954	Eastside Workshop Brunch, 3601 Woolwine Drive, Los Angeles;	b7D
September 20, 1954	Reception for HELEN SOBELL, Long Beach, California;	b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Informant's Comment</u>
July 16, 1953	607 South Western	HELEN SOBELL main speaker
[REDACTED] b7D	"	
July 16, 1953	"	LAC SJRC
September 16, 1954	"	LAR-SC, SOBELL made the pitch
[REDACTED] b7D	"	
July 16, 1953	"	LAC SJRC
[REDACTED] b7D	"	
July 16, 1953	Park Manor (607 South Western Avenue)	"
[REDACTED] b7D	"	
July 17, 1953	607 South Western Avenue	"

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Informant's Comments</u>
[REDACTED] b7D		
January 3, 1954	142 North Vendome Street	LAR-SC
April 16, 1954	3704 Prestwick Drive	LAR-SC#
[REDACTED] b7D		
January 3, 1954	142 North Vendome	LAR-SC
[REDACTED] b7D		
January 3, 1954	3875 City Terrace Drive	HELEN SOBELL main speaker
[REDACTED] b7D		
April 16, 1954	3701 Prestwick Drive	LAR-SC#
August 19, 1954	5214 North Madison Avenue	"
[REDACTED] b7D		
April 16, 1954	3707 Prestwick Drive	Reception for HELEN SOBELL
[REDACTED] b7D		
April 16, 1954	3707 Prestwick Drive	LAR-SC#
August 17, 1954	1079 1/2 Orange Grove Avenue	LAR-SC Steering Committee
September 6, 1954	355 South Broadway	"
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August 29, 1954	3601 Woolwine Drive	LAR-SC#
[REDACTED] b7D		
September 2, 1954	620 North Coronado Street	LAR-SC

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Date

Address

Informant's Comment

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September 16, 1954-607 South Western
Avenue

Sobell Youth
Committee

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD" (DPW)
January 13, 1953, Page 8

The above edition contains an article captioned
"San Fernando Vows Aid to the Rosenbergs" reflecting that
HELEN SOBELL spoke before a group of 200 residents of the
San Fernando Valley at which meeting \$1185. was contributed
to help save the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED]
On September 24, 1954 HELEN SOBELL appeared at
a meeting at 13728 East Belmont, Sanzer, California [REDACTED] b7D

INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY (IPP)

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Informant advised in September, 1953 that the
IPP in Los Angeles County is under the complete control
of the CP which sets its organizational goals, organizes
its forces, and assigns its leadership. Membership in
the IPP, however, of itself, does not indicate CP member-
ship on the part of any particular member.

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD"

December 31, 1952, Page 8,
Column 3

This edition contains an article captioned
"Mrs. Sobell to Speak at Sunday Rally" reflecting that
HELEN SOBELL was to be the featured speaker at a rally
sponsored by the City Terrace Club, IPP, at 3875 City
Terrace Drive, next Sunday (January 4, 1953).

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HELEN SOBELL spoke at the above described meeting held at 3875 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, on January 4, 1953.

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HELEN SOBELL spoke before the IPP County Club Council on January 5, 1953 (address not indicated).

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HELEN SOBELL spoke before the IPP on January 5, 1953 at the Park View Manor (2200 West Seventh Street), Los Angeles.

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HELEN SOBELL spoke before the Forum as sponsored by the Downtown Club, IPP, 247 South Broadway, Los Angeles, on August 22, 1954.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the San Francisco Office for their possible interest in HELEN SOBELL.

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR

NY 100-109819

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1. Subject has been tabbed for Detcom.

2. Subject has not been approved for Detcom under criteria of SAC letter 55-12, dated 2/10/55. No SI card has been received from Bureau bearing stamp "Detcom" in large red letters.

3. Subject recommended for designation as a Detcom subject.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-38735)

DATE: October 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

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SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(OO: New York)

HELEN L. SOBELL

Helen Sobell

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On September 29, 1955, [redacted] Newark, N. J., furnished a copy of "A Memorandum To The U. S. Senate Sub-Committee On Constitutional Rights". This memo purports to describe itself as "Concerning The Conduct Of The U.S. Attorney General's Office In The Case Of Morton Sobell".

This memo consists of nine pages and bears a cover letter dated September 26, 1955, requesting the reader's attention to the "Conduct of the U. S. Attorney General's Office" and carries an addendum page which contains a space for the reader's signature. This addendum page is captioned "A Request To The U. S. Senate Sub-Committee Of Constitutional Rights" and "To Investigate The Conduct Of the U. S. Attorney General's Office In The Case Of Morton Sobell", and according to the cover letter, should be signed and returned to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, 506 West 135th Street, New York 11, New York.

The original of this memo and attached sheet is being furnished to the Bureau as an enclosure, and a photostat of this material is enclosed for the New York Office. A copy of the enclosed material is contained in the Newark files and, therefore, need not be returned.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date NOV 4 1955	Investigative Period 10/20, 21, 24, 26/55
TITLE OF CASE HELEN SOBELL, was		Report made by RICHARD A. MINIHAN	Typed By kld
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside 506 West 135th Street, NYC, and continues to be associated with the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC). Informants made available literature of the NCSJRC reflecting name and/or signature of subject. Subject also traveled as a speaker for NCSJRC.

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DETAILS:

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, aka: National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell;

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[REDACTED] advised in January, 1952, that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS. b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 7, 1954, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party takes an extremely active part in assisting the committee. b7D

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 15, 1954, that the Communist Party, USA directs the activities of the NCSJRC.

On June 30, 1955, T-2 advised that the NCSJRC continues to maintain a national office at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to T-2, the committee objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS.

[redacted] on August 4, 1955, advised that the Communist Party continues active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the east coast.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a program of speakers at an Assembly for Justice for Morton Sobell held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, September 29, 1955, under the sponsorship of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Among the speakers listed on this program was HELEN SOBELL.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a two page mimeographed letter issued by the NCSJRC dated August 22, 1955, and addressed to "Dear Friend." Among the signatories to this letter was HELEN SOBELL. The letter called for a large scale national effort on behalf of MORTON SOBELL and called for an examination of local programs in the light of new opportunities which present themselves for winning freedom for MORTON SOBELL.

The "Daily Worker" of August 2, 1955, on page three, column one, contained an article stating that HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, and ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, would hold a press conference at 2:00 p.m. the following day in the Congressional Hotel, Washington, D.C. The article was in reference to the public hearings scheduled by the House Un-American Activities Committee and referred to the NCSJRC as their chief target.

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The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist daily newspaper.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a letter dated June, 1955, under the caption Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York, addressed to "Dear Friend," and signed HELEN SOBELL (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL). b7D

The letter read as follows:

"Now is the time when your help means most. Five years ago my husband, Morton Sobell, was imprisoned with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Two years ago the Rosenbergs died. The truth which did not save their lives, is being revealed now in the case of my husband.

"The investigations which have already disclosed that six major prosecution witnesses have committed perjury must go forward. These investigations and the legal steps which our attorneys are planning, need funds.

"You, who have understanding, must provide the help without which we cannot proceed.

"I want you to have the enclosed reproductions of the works of Picasso and Hugo Gellert. I believe that these artists have captured the heroism of the Rosenbergs and of my husband, Morton Sobell.

"Your response to this letter will determine how quickly my husband will be free. I know that you will do all that you can."

The "Daily Worker" of June 17, 1955, on page three, column one, contained an article stating that Mrs. MORTON SOBELL had spoken the previous evening before an audience

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in Carnegie Hall, New York City, at a meeting of the Committed to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and read a letter addressed to President EISENHOWER.

The article continued that in her letter dated June 11, 1955, Mrs. SOBELL stated that no witness ever testified that her husband had given or received secret material and that the one witness on whose testimony her husband was convicted was an admitted perjurer. She further stated that five other witnesses are now proven to have committed perjury. The letter asked the President to "Set my husband free."

The "National Guardian" of June 27, 1955, on page five, contains a photograph captioned "Two Years After Black Friday." The photo depicts HELEN SOBELL dropping a rose on the graves of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG at Pinelawn Cemetery, Long Island, New York, on Sunday, June 19, 1955.

"National Guardian"

The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and contents.

(1949 Report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Page 394).

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The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 16, 1955, HELEN SOBELL was the guest of honor at a meeting of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee in Cleveland, Ohio.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HELEN SOBELL was in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 25, 1955, and addressed a meeting of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee which was attended by approximately thirty persons. She spoke on how her

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children were affected by the fact their father was in prison. [REDACTED] stated that plans to raise money were discussed and HELEN SOBELL stated she planned to visit her husband in Alcatraz the latter part of April, 1955. b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HELEN SOBELL spoke at a meeting in Baltimore on March 24, 1955, sponsored by the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. b7D

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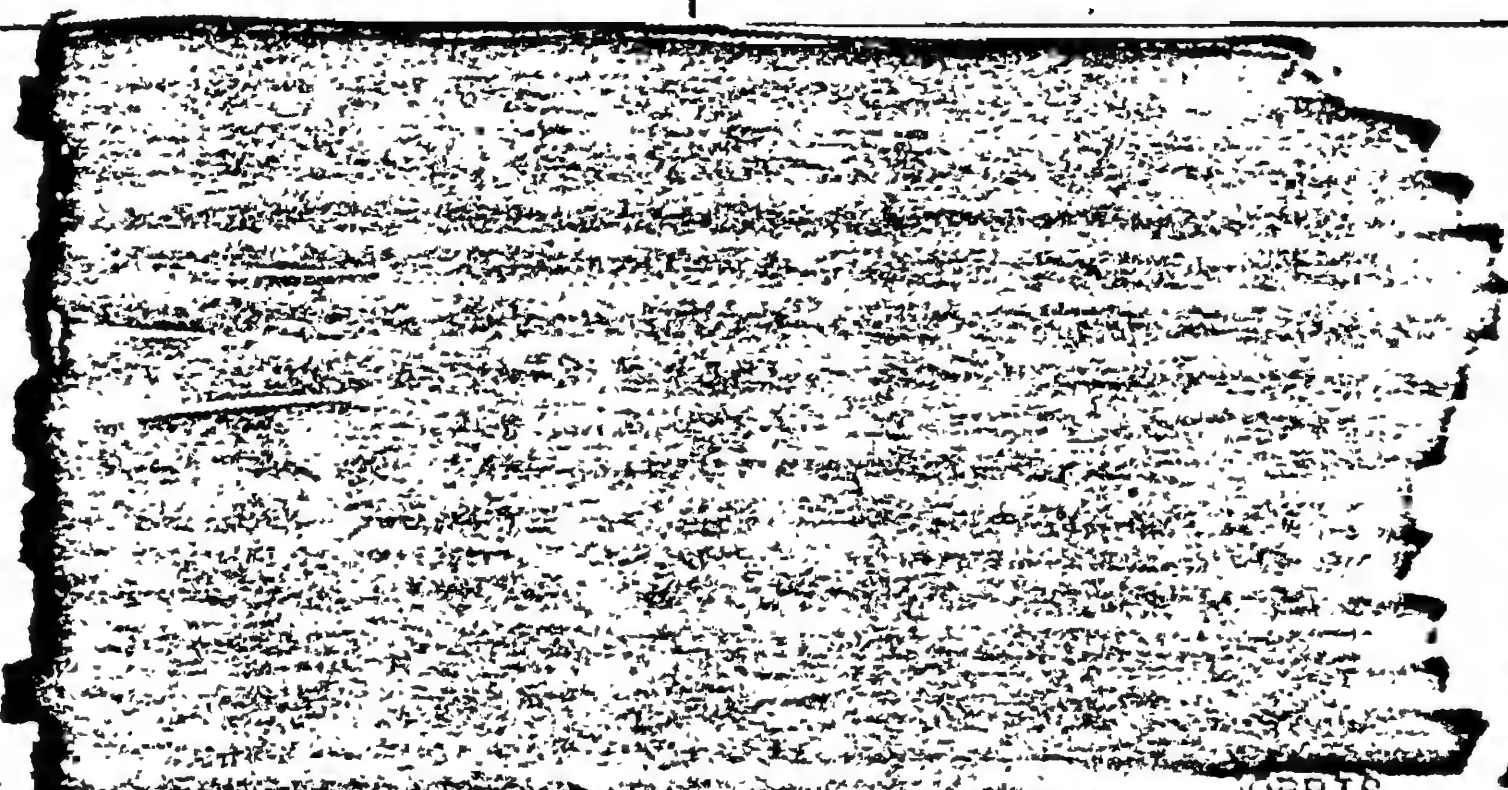
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MORRIS PASTERNAK and ROSE SOBELL, MORRIS's mother, are brother and sister. Investigation reflects Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING graduated from medical school at University of Bristol, England, in 1937. FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK and Mr. and Mrs. JACOB ZIMMERING resided together at 39-48 50th

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St., Long Island City, NY, in 1942. FLORENCE PASTERNAK and Mrs. JACOB (ROSE) ZIMMERING reported to be sisters. ROSE ZIMMERING is the mother of Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING. Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ZIMMERING [REDACTED] [REDACTED] uncle and aunt of FERDINAND LE SUEUR, a writer who was in charge of the Educational Committee of the CP in 1938. (TS) b1

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DETAILS:

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EMIL JULIUS KLAUS FUCHS, British atomic scientist, was arrested by British authorities on February 2, 1950, following his admission that he had passed information regarding the atomic bomb to Soviet agents in England, 1941-1943 and 1946-1949, and to an individual whose identity he did not know in the United States in 1944-1945. On March 1, 1950, FUCHS was arraigned on the charge of violating the British Official Secrets Act of 1911. FUCHS pled guilty to passing atomic secrets and was sentenced on March 1, 1950, to fourteen years in prison. (U) b1

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MORTON SOBELL, husband of HELEN SOBELL, was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on 3/29/51, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union. (U)

The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on that date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California. (U)

MORRIS and FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK

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[REDACTED] MORRIS PASTERNAK and
ROSE SOBELL, the mother of MORTON SOBELL, are brother and
sister. (U)

Files, Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on March 14, 1956, reflect that in an application for a passport dated November 1, 1955, at New York City, ROSE SOBELL stated she was born July 30, 1894, at Belezarka, Wolyn, Poland, emigrated to the United States September 6, 1906, resided in the United States from 1906-1955 at New York City and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and acquired American citizenship by marriage in 1915. The file reflects husband's Naturalization Certificate 492235 was issued on August 3, 1914, to LOUIS SOBELL. She listed her father as MICHAL PASTERNAK, born Poland, not an American citizen, now deceased. She listed her mother as IDA PASTERNAK, born Poland, now deceased. She stated she was married on May 22, 1915, to LOUIS SOBELL, who was born at Belezarka, Poland, April 22, 1888, emigrated to the United States August 1906, and naturalized as stated above. She gave her maiden name as ROSE PASTERNAK and stated she had not been previously married. She gave a permanent residence as 2400 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York. (U)

[REDACTED] MORRIS PASTERNAK
employed by the Communist Party (CP) for about ten years at the New York Headquarters in New York City. b7C
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examined by SA PETER J. CATTANEO in 1943, reflected that MORRIS PASTERNAK was born on March 30, 1897 in Poland; that he entered the United States in December 1906 at New York, and was naturalized in the Supreme Court of New York on April 3, 1917. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry in 1921 from the Cooper Union School in New York City.

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<u>Relation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>American Citizen</u>
Father	MICHAEL PASTERNAK	Poland	deceased	
Mother	ANNA PASTERNAK	Poland	deceased	
Brother	JOSEPH PASTERNAK	Poland	40 Park Place, New Rochelle, New York	yes
Brother	LOUIS PASTERNAK	Poland	c/o NEMSER 151 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York	yes
Sister	CHANTZA WEINSTEIN	Poland	1824 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York	yes
Sister	YORA RUCHAMES	Poland	642 Concord Avenue, Bronx, New York	yes
Wife	FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK	Poland	3948 50th Street, Long Island City	yes

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<u>Relation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>American Citizen</u>
Father-in-law	ISAAC * GELLER	Poland	151 McRibbon Street, Brooklyn, New York	?
Mother-in-law	ANNA GELLER	Poland	deceased	?

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

The record of the Clerk of the Court, June Term 1923, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, reflects that MORRIS PASTERNAK was arrested under the name MORRIS PASTERNICK on August 23, 1923, and charged with sedition. He was indicted for sedition by an Allegheny County Grand Jury on June 14, 1923, but the indictment was subsequently quashed on June 30, 1927. (U)

In 1944 SA NED A. KIMBALL reviewed the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. These records reflected that FLORENCE GELLER, born July 21, 1904, Wolynek, Russia, entered the United States at New York City on September 11, 1913, aboard the SS "Patricia" under the name FAIGE GELLER, destined to her father, ISAAC GELLER, who resided in New York City. She was accompanied on her entry by her mother, her sister, ESTHER and her brothers, HARRY and NATHAN. The file reflected that she married MORRIS PASTERNAK on January 25, 1923, in New York City. She was naturalized in the Southern District of New York on November 22, 1949. (U)

[REDACTED] FLORENCE G.
PASTERNAK mother's maiden name was
GUSSIE EISENBERG (U)

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[REDACTED] FLORENCE PASTERNAK
attended the Sunnyside CP Section Convention on June 20,
1948, and was on the new Section Committee elected at that
convention. (U) b7D

[REDACTED] FLORENCE
PASTERNAK and her husband, MORRIS, were CP members as of
that date. The informant stated that from 1940 to early
1950, FLORENCE PASTERNAK and MORRIS PASTERNAK frequently
went to National CP Headquarters to pick up CP literature. b7D
[REDACTED] (U)

In May 1953, SA HILMER H. KREDS reported that
the records of the Department of State, Passport Office,
reflected that FLORENCE PASTERNAK applied for a passport
on February 14, 1930, and that her permanent residence
was indicated as 1475 Jesup Avenue, New York City, in
care of ZIMMERING. She intended to leave the United States
from New York on February 21, 1930, on the SS "Bremen"
and indicated she wished to visit and travel in Germany
for one year. The file reflected that her husband, MORRIS
PASTERNAK, was then residing at Berlin, Germany. (U)

JACOB and ROSE ZIMMERING

[REDACTED] 3918 50th Street, Long Island
City, New York [REDACTED] b7D
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[REDACTED] F.B.
MORRIS PASTERNAK was a sister of F.B. JACOB ZIMMERING. (U)

[REDACTED] MORRIS PASTERNAK,
47-25 4th Street, Long Island City, and JACOB ZIMMERING,
1475 Jessup Avenue, Brooklyn, New York [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JACOB
ZIMMERING was employed by the Friendly Shirt Company,
1027 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York [REDACTED] b7D
PASTERNAK was employed at the Liquidometer Corporation,
Long Island City. (U)

On May 31, 1956, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JACOB ZIMMERING, residing at 973 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, registered at Local Board 148, Brooklyn, on April 27, 1942. The informant stated that JACOB ZIMMERING subsequently moved to 3948 50th Street, Woodside, New York; that he stated his birth date was July 12, 1886, in Poland, and that Mrs. ROSE ZIMMERING, 973 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, would always know his address. His employment was given as the Fine Shirt Company, 2710 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn. (U)

The Brooklyn, New York, Telephone Directory, 1955-1956, reflects no firm named the Fine or Friendly Shirt Company on Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. (U)

[REDACTED] The New York City Directory reflects that Jessup Avenue is in the Bronx. It is also noted T-7's records reflect JACOB ZIMMERING at 2710 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The New York City Directory reflects that Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, is numbered only to the 1300 block. (U) b7D

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At the Municipal Reference Library, Municipal Building, New York, New York, the list of enrolled voters for Queens County, Second Assembly District, Fourth Election District for the year 1943, checked by SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY on May 23, 1956, reflected that ROSE ZIMMERING and FLORENCE PASTERNAK registered from the residence address at 3948 50th Street, Long Island City. (U)

The records of the Board of Elections for 1943, Second Assembly District, Fourth Election District, Queens County, New York, checked by SA COURTNEY C. CLINCH on May 22, 1956, reflected that ROSE ZIMMERING, 3948 50th Street, Queens, New York, second floor, was 55 years of age, married, resided 30 years in New York State and ten and one-half months in the city and the election district. Her country of nativity was Russia and she was naturalized in 1935 at the Federal Court of New York City. Her occupation was housewife and she last voted in 1941 from Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn. No record of the registration of JACOB ZIMMERING was located. (U)

On June 7, 1956, at the Municipal Reference Library, SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY checked Polk's New York City Directory, 1933-1934, Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee edition, R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, which reflected a listing as follows: (U)

ZIMMERING, JACOB (ROSE, ~~PLOTKIN~~ and ZIMMERING) H.
1475 Jessup Avenue, Apartment 4B N.Y.C.

ZIMMERING, PAUL R.

1475 Jessup Avenue, Apartment 4B N.Y.C. (U)

On May 23, 1956, SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY checked the Naturalization Records of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. Petition for Naturalization Number 257616 filed in United States District Court by ROSE ZIMMERING, 1475 Jessup Avenue, Bronx, New York, reflected her occupation as housewife and her birth at Rodla, Poland, on September 17, 1887. She filed a Declaration of Intention to become a United States citizen on February 27, 1933, in the Supreme Court, Bronx, New York, Number 112335. She was (U)

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married to RAPHAEL on August 15, 1904, at Bucryn, Poland. He was born at Artnitca, Poland, on June 22, 1884, entered the United States at New York, New York, on December 29, 1908, for permanent residence and resided at 1475 Jessup Avenue, Bronx. Petitioner had three children, PAUL, born April 12, 1909, in Poland and residing temporarily in Bristol, England, LEO, born April 15, 1916, New York City, ISRAEL, born July 12, 1920, New York City. The petitioner emigrated to the United States from Liverpool, England, and entered the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the name REISEL ZIMINIJ on September 28, 1914, on the vessel "Dominion." She resided continuously in the United States since September 29, 1914. Witnesses to the petition were ROSE TUMIN, 1475 Jessup Avenue, Bronx, housewife, and JOSEPH GUSSEMAN, 650 East Fifth Street, New York, New York, Rabbi (poultry killer). The Petition for Naturalization was filed January 14, 1936, and Certificate of Naturalization Number 4024064 was granted on April 20, 1936. (U)

On June 6, 1956, at the Bronx Supreme Court, a review of the Declaration of Intention Number 112335, reflected no additional information. No record of the naturalization of JACOB or RAPHAEL ZIMMERING was located at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Naturalization Records Office, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. (U)

The records of the Credit Bureau [REDACTED] 670
[REDACTED]
reflected no record of JACOB or ROSE ZIMMERING. (U)

The indices of the New York Division reflected no identifying information regarding JACOB and ROSE ZIMMERING. (U)

The records of T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reflected no record of JACOB ZIMMERING. (U)

PAUL and PAULA ZIMMERING

The 1942 American Medical Directory reflects that Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING, residing at 3225 Olinville Avenue,

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New York City, was born in 1909; that he received his medical education in England, graduated in 1937 and was licensed by the State of New York in 1938. (u)

The Medical Directory of New York State, 1955, official publication of the Medical Society of the State of New York, reflects that Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING, resides at 300 East 57th Street, New York, New York; graduated from the University of Bristol, England in 1937; specializes in medical psychoanalysis and is Assistant Neuropsychologist at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and Assistant Psychologist at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City. (u)

[REDACTED] Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING was born April 7, 1909, Ireland; received his BA Degree at the University of Minnesota in 1930 and his medical education at the University of Bristol, England, graduating in 1937. He was licensed in the State of New York on June 30, 1938, and was naturalized a United States citizen on June 8, 1942, Naturalization Certificate Number 5143416. (u) b7D

[REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] 300 East 57th Street, New York City, [REDACTED] formerly resided at 5 Gramercy Park, New York City, was age 40, married and had no dependents. He resided at 300 East 57th Street, Apartment 13B for approximately three weeks as of that date. He was at his former address for eight years in Apartment 2J. The report stated that Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING was a medical doctor and had been practicing for about eleven years, that he was a graduate of the University of England, class of January 1938; that he was admitted to practice at the Beth David Hospital 61 West 90th Street, New York City, and that he also practices from his home address. His bank connection was reflected as Manufacturers Trust Company, 711 Lexington Avenue. (u) b7D

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On May 23, 1956, SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY checked the Naturalization Records of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, for a record of PAUL ZIMMERING. Certificate of Arrival Number 2 540831 issued December 1, 1937, reflected that PAUL ZIMMERING arrived at New York, New York, on the "SS Berengaria" on July 20, 1937. He filed a petition in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Number 396693 reflecting that PAUL ZIMMERING residing at 3225 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York, was born April 7, 1909, at Mikitich, Poland, formerly Russia, and that he married PAULA RUBEN on October 1, 1938, at Brooklyn, New York. His wife was born at Gottenborg, Sweden, on June 22, 1910, and entered the United States at New York on August (8), 1915, for permanent residence. She was naturalized through her father ISRAEL RUBEN (RUBENOWITZ) on July 14, 1921, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Certificate Number 1572351. (U)

A description of PAUL ZIMMERING reflected that he was of the white race, blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, 5'5", 140 pounds. His last place of residence was listed as Bristol, England. He emigrated to the United States from Southampton, England, entering the United States at New York, under the name of PAUL ZIMMERING on July 20, 1937, on the "SS Berengaria." Witnesses to the petition were PAULA ZIMMERING, 3225 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York, housewife, and ROSE ZIMMERING, 937 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, housewife. The Petition for Naturalization was filed February 2, 1942, and Certificate of Naturalization Number 5143416 was granted on June 8, 1942. (U)

On June 6, 1956, at the Bronx Supreme Court no additional information was noted in a review of the Declaration of Intention filed by PAUL ZIMMERING. (U)

The indices of the New York Division reflect no references to PAULA ZIMMERING. (U)

The indices of the New York Division reflect that [REDACTED] in June 1944, that in a booklet entitled "AEB Salute to the Common Man," published in connection with the 13th anniversary celebration of the [REDACTED] 1670

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International Workers Order (IWO) held at Madison Square Garden on May 23, 1943, there appeared a greeting from Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING, 3225 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York, extending his compliments. (U)

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

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[REDACTED] Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING was one of the most active doctors in the Association of Internes and Medical Students Chapter at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. [REDACTED] Dr. ZIMMERING continuously discussed CP propaganda in the hospital. (U) b7q

The Association of Internes and Medical Students was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report Number 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, page 79, as an organization which "has long been a faithful follower of the Communist Party line" and which supported the International Union of Students' Second World Congress in Prague in August 1950. (U)

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[REDACTED] the post office had returned because of insufficient postage, 35 packages destined to America, of what appeared to be pro-Communist propaganda. Each of the packages consisted of a pamphlet which bore the name of the sender on the reverse side as "Anna and Mario Casetta, American Express, Lausanne." [REDACTED] MARIO WAYNE CASETTA

was the son of CARLO and HELEN, nee IDELL, born August 26, 1928, in Los Angeles, who was married to ANNA STEIN, born March 28, 1924. They resided at 2 Rue Maubarget, Lausanne. MARIO was enrolled in the Cantonal School of Design and Applied Art. Among the addresses to which the pamphlets were being sent was that of Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING, 8 Gramercy Park, New York City. (U) b7d

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MERIDEL LE SUEUR

The indices of the New York Division reflect that [REDACTED] and Mrs. PAUL ZIMMERING, 3225 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York, were the aunt and uncle of MERIDEL LE SUEUR, who in 1938 was in charge of the Educational Committee of the CP. [REDACTED] the background of MERIDEL LE SUEUR. (u) b7D

*Meridel Le Sueur has two daughters: Rachel Le Sueur, 13, born May 2 1923 in Minneapolis at the Eitel Hospital; Deborah Le Sueur, 12, born August 2 1929 in Minneapolis; children are now staying with their grandparents, Mr Arthur and Mrs Marian Le Sueur, 2521 Harriet Avenue - father and mother of the subject. Meridel was divorced from her husband shortly after the birth of her second child; husband's name: Harry Rice - home in Saint Paul, Minnesota - parents are still there - subject's father executed the divorce [REDACTED] Hennepin County; present whereabouts of Harry Rice unknown. Mr and Mrs. Arthur Le Sueur were originally French Huguenot, later became Episcopalians. Subject is of French descent; education - elementary, high, art and speech schools - unable to identify more definitely. (u) b7D

*Other relatives of the subject: brother - Mac Le Sueur, age 27, lives at 26th and Harriet Avenue, Minneapolis, teacher of art, Minneapolis Art Institute, married, one child (son); brother - Winston Le Sueur, age 35, employed by Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, California, married, no children; aunt and uncle - Mr and Mrs Paul Zimmering, 3225 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York City. (u)

*Meridel Le Sueur was very active in the communist party in 1938, when she was in charge of the educational committee which had to do with the sale of communist literature. (u)

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LE SUEUR attended a meeting at the Iogt Hall in Minneapolis at which Mrs. MORTON SOBELL was the main speaker, and who stated MORTON SOBELL had been jailed on technicalities and through paid informers. (u)

The following biography appears in "Who's Who in Minnesota" for 1941, page 893: (u)

ACTIV IN 1941
"MERIDEL LE SUEUR: Writer; born Murray, Iowa on February 22, 1900; daughter of ARTHUR LE SUEUR; education Fort Scott High School; received Zona Gale Scholarship, University of Wisconsin, American Academy Dramatic Art, New York City; married B. ROBONOFF September, 1925, Sacramento, California; 1922 Director, Wallis School of Dramatic Art, Los Angeles, California; 1923, organizer and director Los Angeles Children's Theater; 1925, School of Creative and Interpretive Dances; 1927 began settlement house work Minneapolis, teacher classes in Government Workers Educational Program, active in Federal Trade Union (u)

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"Educational Projects; 1927, author, first major story 'Persephone', given three star rating by EDWARD J. O'BRIEN, included in O'BRIEN's annual anthology of Best American Short Stories; 'Persephone' first published in The Dial, also chosen for inclusion in The Best Stories of 1927 and the Yearbook of the American Short Story; 1927 author stories appearing in Scribner's American Mercury, The Dial, The Anvil, Windsor Quarterly, Payant, Debate, etc.; 'I Was Harming' was chosen for inclusion in the Best Essays of the United States, reprinted in American Sketch Book compiled at University of Minnesota; sketches 'Beer Town and Corn Village' appeared in Scribner's American series 'Life in the United States'; only author to have two stories in that series; story 'Corn Village' won second prize; story 'Annunciation' described by JAMES GRAY in 'St. Paul Dispatch' as here is an American masterpiece; stories have appeared in the O'BRIEN Anthology of Best Short Stories eight times; collection of major stories, 'Salute to Spring' published 1940; 1940 conducted study classes in short story writing; lecturer for years, now extensive speaker on subjects Creative Writing and Modern Literature; League of American Writers Vice President; active in rescue of writers trapped in France by Fascist conquest; Teacher's Union Minneapolis; AFL; office and residence 2527 Harriet Avenue, Minneapolis." (U)

The League of American Writers has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

"Who's Who in Minnesota" for 1941 also reflects that MERIDEL LE SUEUR's mother, MARION LE SUEUR was born August 2, 1877, at Bedford, Iowa, and married Reverend WILLIAM WHARTEN in 1897 and subsequently married ARTHUR LE SUEUR on February 6, 1917. (U)

The indices of the New York Division reflect that the records of the California State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Sacramento, California, reflect that MERIDEL LE SUEUR was married to one WYMAN SIDNEY SMITH on January 10, 1923, at Sacramento, California. WYMAN SMITH was listed in the records as being a resident of Madison, Wisconsin, race white, age 25, occupation journalist. (U)

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The records further reflected that SIDNEY SMITH and MERIDEL LE SUEUR were divorced on October 5, 1926, and that MERIDEL LE SUEUR was married to YASHA ROBONOFF at Sacramento on November 3, 1926. ROBONOFF listed his residence as Sacramento, California, his age as 31, his birth place as Russia and his occupation as manager of a children's theater. (U)

The files of Vital Statistics, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minnesota, reflect that on May 2, 1928, RACHAEL ROBONOFF was born of HARRY ROBONOFF and MERIDEL LE SUEUR, 315 West 15th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that one DEBORAH ROBONOFF was born on August 2, 1929, to YASHA ROBONOFF and MERIDEL LE SUEUR. (U)

On March 13, 1930, a change was marked on the birth record for DEBORAH ROBONOFF which indicated that YASHA ROBONOFF is "HARRY RICE." (U)

The "St. Paul Pioneer Press," daily newspaper in St. Paul, Minnesota, contained the following item on June 3, 1944: (U)

"The Minnesota Communist Party will hold a public meeting tonight in the Pioneer Hall, 5th and Hennepin, Minneapolis. At a convention Sunday the group will vote to follow the National Party in changing its name to Communist Political Association, MERIDEL LE SUEUR, Party Chairman, said Friday." (U)

The CPA, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

[REDACTED] LE SUEUR was a member of the old CP Bureau and continued activity in Bureau meetings and later became a member of the State Board, District 9, CP and continued in this capacity through December 1945. (U) b7D

Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMSON

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[REDACTED] Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMSON is MAY WILLIAMSON, wife of the CP leader who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 by Federal District Court Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. He was released from prison on March 1, 1955. WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States under warrant of deportation and departed the United States for England on May 4, 1955. (TJ)

A partial review of the files of the New York Division has not developed any information reflecting a close friendship between a Mrs. PASTERNAK and Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMSON. (U)

Summary of Relationship of HELEN and MORTON SOBELL to Dr. PAUL and PAULA ZIMMERING According to Reported Information

<u>Brother and Sister</u>		<u>Sisters</u>
..<..MORRIS PASTERNAK.....(Husband of)..>..		..FLORENCE PASTERNAK..>..
Y ROSE SOBELL		Y ROSE ZIMMERING
U ..(Mother of) ..>..	Aunt of...>..	..(Mother of)
..MORTON SOBELL.....(Cousin of).....	DR. PAUL ZIMMERING ..
..(Husband of)(Cousin of).....(Husband of)
HELEN SOBELL(Cousin of).....	PAULA ZIMMERING

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[REDACTED] MORRIS PASTERNAK and ROSE SOBELL, 670 ✓
mother of MORTON SOBELL, were brother and sister. (U)

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[REDACTED] FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK and ROSE ZIMMERING 670 ✓
were sisters. ROSE ZIMMERING is the mother of Dr. PAUL
ZIMMERING, according to the Naturalization record of ROSE
ZIMMERING. (U)

FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK is the aunt of MORTON
SOBELL, through her marriage to MORRIS PASTERNAK who is
MORTON SOBELL's uncle by reason of being the brother of
ROSE SOBELL, subject's mother. (U) ✓

FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK is also the aunt of
Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING by reason of being the sister of ROSE
ZIMMERING, the mother of Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING. (U)

MORTON SOBELL and Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING are cousins
by reason of having FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK as their
mutual aunt. (U)

HELEN SOBELL is a cousin of Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING
through her marriage to MORTON SOBELL. (U) ✓

PAULA ZIMMERING is a cousin of MORTON and HELEN
SOBELL by virtue of her marriage to Dr. PAUL ZIMMERING. (U) ✓

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed. (U)

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LEADSWASHINGTON FIELDAt Washington, D. C.

Will at Central Records Office, INS, endeavor to locate a record of the naturalization of RAPHAEL or JACOB ZIMMERING, whose birth date and place has been reflected as July 12, 1886, in Poland, in Selective Service records and as June 22, 1884, in ROSE ZIMMERING's naturalization record. (U)

Will check INS records of the naturalization of ROSE ZIMMERING to ascertain if her maiden name was GELLER; if her mother's maiden name was EISEN, or if her sister's name appears as FLORENCE (GELLER) PASTERNAK. (U)

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Will check INS records for additional family background information in the naturalization papers of PAUL ZIMMERING, born April 7, 1909, at Mikitich, Poland, who last entered the U.S., at NYC, on 7/20/37, from Bristol, England. PAUL ZIMMERING presumably first entered the U.S. with his mother, ROSE ZIMMERING, who entered under the name REISEL ZIMINIJ, at Philadelphia, Pa., on 9/28/14. (U)

Will check INS records for family background information of PAULA RUBENOWITZ, born 6/22/10, at Gotenberg, Sweden, the wife of PAUL ZIMMERING, who obtained U.S. citizenship through naturalization of her father, ISRAEL RUBENOWITZ on July 14, 1921, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Certificate No. 1572351. (U)

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The above leads have been previously set out in the investigation of subject's husband, MORTON SOBELL, was; ESPIONAGE-R (see report of SA Richard T. Hradsky, dated 6/18/56 at New York) and duplicate investigation need not be made in instant case. Information obtained in the coverage of these leads in the MORTON SOBELL investigation should, however, be reported in this case. (U)

MINNEAPOLIS

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will at the University of Minnesota, check registrar records for information pertaining to PAUL ZIMMERING and ascertain if his wife, PAULA RUBENS (RUBENOWITZ) was also a student at the University of Minnesota. (U)

Will check [REDACTED] and other established sources of information for identifying background data on PAUL and PAULA (RUBENS) ZIMMERING to establish the identity of their relatives by blood and marriage. (U)

[REDACTED] endeavor to ascertain the source of the report that Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ZIMMERING are uncle and aunt of MERIDEL LE SUEUR. (U)

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At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will endeavor to develop information reflecting relationship of MERIDEL LE SUEUR to the ZIMMERING branch of the family. (U)

The above leads have been previously set out in the investigation of subject's husband, MORTON SOBELL, was; ESPIONAGE-R (see report of SA Richard T. Hradsky, dated 6/18/56, at New York) and duplicate investigation need not be made in instant case. Information obtained in the coverage of these leads in the MORTON SOBELL investigation should, however, be reported in this case. (U)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will verify information that FLORENCE PASTERNAK and ROSE ZIMMERING are sisters. (U)

Will endeavor to locate birth records of LEO and ISRAEL ZIMMERING, born 4/15/16, and 7/12/20, respectively, at NYC, according to ROSE ZIMMERING'S petition for naturalization No. 257616 to determine the maiden name of ROSE ZIMMERING and the recorded Christian name of the father. (U)

Will endeavor to identify the partner of JACOB ZIMMERING named PLOTKIN of the firm name of PLOTKIN & ZIMMERING reflected in the 1933-34 issue of Polks NYC Directory. (U)

Will continue review of NY files to determine if a close relationship exists between the PASTERNAK and WILLIAMSON families. (U)

Will report subject's activities with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. (U)

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The above leads have been previously set out in the investigation of subject's husband, MORTON SOBELL, was; ESPIONAGE-R (see report of SA Richard T. Hradsky, dated 6/18/56, at New York) and duplicate investigation need not be made in instant case. Information obtained in the coverage of these leads in the MORTON SOBELL investigation should, however, be reported in this case. (U)

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Report of SA Richard A. Minihan, dated 11/4/55, New York (U)

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Central Office of INS, Washington, D. C., reflects ROSE ZIMMERING, born Bodla, Poland, 9/17/87, entered U. S. at Philadelphia, Pa., 9/28/14; was naturalized before U. S. District Court at New York, N. Y., on 4/20/36. This file did not contain ROSE ZIMMERING's maiden name or her mother's. Central Office, INS, Washington, D. C., reflects PAUL ZIMMERING, born 4/7/09, in Mikitich, Poland, arrived in U. S. at New York, N. Y., on 7/20/37; naturalized before U. S. District Court at New York, N. Y., on 6/8/42. Central Office of INS, reflects PAULA ZIMMERING, born 6/22/10, Gotenborg, Sweden, received her U. S. citizenship through her father, ISRAEL RUBEN, who was naturalized 7/14/21, before District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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DETAILS: **AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

SE [redacted] caused a check to be made on July 5, 1956, of the indices of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D. C., against the name RAPHAEL ZIMMERING, also known as, JACOB ZIMMERING. As a result of this check, it was determined that **7C**

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the file pertaining to RAPHAEL ZIMMERING, Number A-4232465, was sent to INS District Office, at New York, New York, on February 23, 1951.

SE [redacted] caused a check to be made on July 6, 1956, of the indices of the Central Office of INS, Washington, D. C., against the name ROSE ZIMMERING who was born September 17, 1887.

SE [redacted] was advised that the Central Files of INS, Washington, D. C., contained the following information regarding ROSE ZIMMERING: *HR5 RA (H.A.) 2 111 411 111*

JACOB ZIMMERING
She was born at Bodla, Poland, September 17, 1887, and entered the United States on September 28, 1914, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the name of REISEL ZIMMELJ. On January 14, 1936, she filed a petition for naturalization Number P-257616. She was naturalized on April 20, 1936, before the United States District Court, New York, New York. She was issued Certificate Number 4024064. At the time of her naturalization she resided at 1475 Jessup Avenue, Bronx, New York. Her husband, RAPHAEL ZIMMERING, was born in Poland on June 22, 1884, and was residing in Bronx, New York. They had the following children: PAUL, born in Poland, on April 12, 1909, and was residing in Bristol, England; LEO, born April 15, 1916, at New York, New York, and was residing in Bronx, New York; and ISRAEL, born July 12, 1920, in New York, New York, and was residing in Bronx, New York.

ROSE ZIMMERING was described as follows:

Sex: Female
Complexion: Fair
Eyes: Gray
Hair: Brown
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 155.

On August 7, 1956, SE [redacted] rechecked the file pertaining to ROSE ZIMMERING at the Central Office of INS and determined that ROSE ZIMMERING's maiden name, her mother's maiden name, or the names of any of her sisters, did not appear in this file.

On June 28, 1956, SE [redacted] requested a check to be made of the indices of the Central Office of INS against the name of PAUL ZIMMERING, who was born April 7, 1909, at Mikitich, Poland, on July 17, 1956, SE [redacted]

was advised that PAUL ZIMMERING filed a petition for naturalization on February 2, 1942, Number 396696. He was naturalized a citizen of the United States before the District Court, of the United States at New York, New York, on June 8, 1942. Certificate of Naturalization Number 5143416, was issued to him. This file reflected PAUL ZIMMERING arrived in the United States on July 20, 1937, at New York, New York, on the SS "Berengaria," from Bristol, England. At the time of his naturalization, he resided at 1225 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, New York. His occupation was physician. He was described as follows:

Sex: Male
Complexion: Fair
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 140 pounds.

The only relative living was his wife, PAULA RUBEN

On July 6, 1956, SE [redacted] requested a check to be made of the indices of the Central Office of INS against the name PAULA RUBENOWITZ, also known as, PAULA ZIMMERING, born June 22, 1910, Gottenborg, Sweden, whose father was ISRAEL RUBENOWITZ. On July 20, 1956, SE [redacted] was advised that Central files of INS reflected PAULA RUBENOWITZ received her United States citizenship through her father, who was naturalized on July 14, 1921, before the District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota, under the name of ISRAEL RUBEN. The file pertaining to ISRAEL reflected he arrived in the United States from Gottenborg, Sweden, at New York, New York, on the SS "Philadelphia," on May 2, 1915. He gave his residence as 1023 James Avenue, North Minneapolis, Minnesota. He listed ANNA RUBEN, born November 7, 1888, in Sweden, as his wife. He listed two children, BERTHOLD, born February 17, 1908, at Sweden, and PAULA, born June 22, 1910, at Sweden. He was issued Naturalization Certificate Number 1572351. b7c

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA RICHARD T. BRADSKY, made at New York, dated
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NOT RECORDED	8/8/58	Mexico letter to HQ	3	0	
53	8/19/58	teletype from another gov't agency to Bureau	2	0	
54	9/10/58	HQ airtel to NY	1	1	
55	9/9/58	Mexico cable to HQ	1	0	
55	9/15/58	HQ airtel to NY	1	1	
56	10/29/58	letter from another gov't agency to Bureau	2	0	
57	10/27/58	Mexico letter to HQ	20	0	
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60	1/27/59	WFO report to HQ	6	1	
60	2/10/59	HQ letter to NY	1	1	
61	2/13/59	NY airtel to HQ	1	1	
62	2/17/59	WFO airtel to HQ HQ to NY	1/1	1	
63	4/29/59	NY report to HQ with attachment	26	12	
64	3/31/59	letter from another gov't agency to Bureau with 6 enclosures	6	—	Relas
65	4/20/59	NY airtel to HQ	1	0	
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